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2        In an operating system, a resource handler accepts resource requests from  
3 application modules. A resource request identifies a module from which the  
4 requested resource is to be obtained. Rather than providing the resource from the  
5 identified module, however, the resource handler provides the requested resource  
6 from an associated resource module. An association between an executable  
7 module and resource modules of different languages is created by a defined file  
8 naming convention, optionally using different directories for resource modules of  
9 different languages. Some executable modules contain a shared resource  
10 reference which can be used to create an association between multiple executable  
11 modules and a single set of shared resource modules. A language fallback  
12 mechanism allows alternative languages to be used where resource modules of the  
13 appropriate language are not available.

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